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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 November 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 05/19/2004 and 02/16/2005.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statements submitted on 05/19/2004 and 02/16/2005 have been considered by the Examiner and made of record in the application file.

Drawings

3. Figures 1 and 1B should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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5. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Koistinen (International Publication Number WO 01/86885 A1).

Consider claims 1 and 2, Koistinen shows and discloses a radio access network system and a method for transferring a packet in a network 4 including a base station BS and a control apparatus 6 (figure 1, page 7 line 30 – page 8 line 19), which comprises: a transfer path setter configured to set a transfer path for the packet in the network (inherently taught by the presence of a SGSN)(page 7, lines 32-34); a priority information setter (classifying device 6 in figure 1 and page 8 lines 14-23) configured to set priority information for determining a priority of the packet to be transferred at the base station and the control apparatus which are included in the transfer path (the classification device 6 assigns a priority based on real time traffic and non real time traffic)(page 9 lines 15-17); and a packet processor configured to determine the priority of the received packet in accordance with the priority information, and to add the priority to the received packet (classifying device 6 can determine priority from the incoming packets, for instance the protocol headers, and can generate IP headers and assign determined DiffServ codepoints to the generated IP headers)(page 13 line 31 – page 14 line 9).

Consider claim 3 Koistinen shows and discloses a priority information setter (classifying device 6 in figure 1 and page 8 lines 14-23) configured to set priority information for determining a priority of the packet to be transferred at the base station and the control apparatus which are included in the transfer path (the classification

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device 6 assigns a priority based on real time traffic and non real time traffic)(page 9 lines 15-17); and a packet processor configured to determine the priority of the received packet in accordance with the priority information, and to add the priority to the received packet (classifying device 6 can determine priority from the incoming packets, for instance the protocol headers, and can generate IP headers and assign determined DiffServ codepoints to the generated IP headers)(page 13 line 31 – page 14 line 9).

Consider claim 4, and as applied to claim 3 above, Koistinen shows and discloses a priority information setter (classifying device 6 in figure 1 and page 8 lines 14-23) configured to set priority information for determining a priority of the packet to be transferred at the base station and the control apparatus which are included in the transfer path (the classification device 6 assigns a priority based on real time traffic and non real time traffic)(page 9 lines 15-17).

Consider claim 5, and as applied to claim 3 above, and claim 6, as applied to claim 5 Koistinen discloses a packet processor configured to determine the priority of the received packet in accordance with the priority information, and to add the priority to the received packet (classifying device 6 can determine priority from the incoming packets, for instance the protocol headers, and can generate IP headers and assign determined DiffServ codepoints to the generated IP headers)(page 13 line 31 – page 14 line 9).

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Consider claim 7, and as applied to claim 6 above, Koistinen discloses determining priority based on the IP packet headers. The IP header Type of Service (TOS) field inherently teaches a flag showing delay, throughput, reliability and cost in predetermined fields.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Li (United States Patent Application Publication No.: US 203/0108015 A1) discloses mechanisms for QoS mapping rules on a mobile network between a UMTS layer and an IP layer.

7. Any response to this Office Action should be **faxed to (571) 273-8300 or mailed to:**

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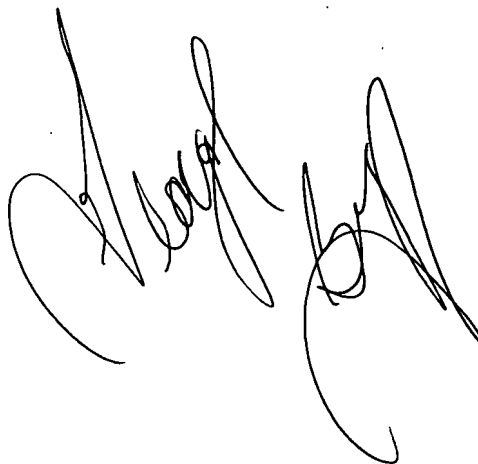
(571) 270-1781. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7:30-5:00 EST.

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April 23, 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'German Viana Di Prisco', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.